

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Claim 1 has been canceled. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2 and 4-15 are now pending in this application.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given to the claims as well as indicating that claims 5-6, 12, and 14 contain allowable subject matter.

Allowability of claims 2 and 4-15

Claims 5-6, 12, and 14 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 5-6, 12 and 14 have been so rewritten, and are thus allowable.

Claims 2, 4, 7-11, 13, and 15 depend from and contain all the features of claim 6, and are allowable by virtue of their dependency from claim 6, without regard to the further patentable features contained therein.

For at least these reasons, allowance of claims 2 and 4-15 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Because only allowable claims remain in the application, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

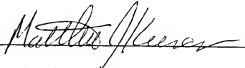
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith,

Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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